(b) No, Sir. The investigation report does not establish the allegation.

(c) and (d) The Internal Audit Officer of the NCCF had pointed out in his report that certain matters related to this deal might be got investigated by some outside agency. Government have since handed over the matter to the CBI for investigation.

Bogus Ration Cards in the Capital

1154. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the Hindustan Times dated 25th March, 1992 under the caption "More ration claimants than the Delhi population" ; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken to identify and withdraw bogus ration cards in the capital ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government has been advising all States/UTs, including Union Territory of Delhi, to undertake regular verifications to eliminate bogus ration cards/ghost ration units. Checking and deletion of inflated units is a continual process. Delhi Administration makes all efforts to keep a check on inflated units. Special drives are also undertaken by it to eliminate inflated units. Delhi Administration has reported that, in a special drive during May-June, 1991 about 5.5 lakh bogus units were detected and eliminated.

Distribution of Cotton Yarn through PDS

1155. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any arrangements have been made to distribute cottan yarn, at reasonable rates under the Public Distribution System ; and

(b) if no, what are the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In the absence of dual pricing policy for hank yarn, it is not considered necessary to distribute it under the Public Distribution System.

Distribution of essential Commodities at free of cost of Madhya Pradesh

1156. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to distribute essential commodities free of cost in the drought affected tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) how long Government propose to continue this scheme in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Production of edible oils

1157. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how much edible oil is required for local consumption in India and out of which how much is produced in our country in a year ;

(b) how much of edible oil is produced from minor oil sector obtained from rice bran, cottonseed cakes, expeller cakes of mustard, sunflower, mahua seed and salseed in a year ;

(c) whether it is true that growth in the minor oil sector has been increased during the years 1985-86 and 1989-90 as a result of fiscal incentives given by Govt., if so, the details thereof ; and